

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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SHERBURNE COUNTY WEBSITE:

www.co.sherburne.mn.us

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:

<http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>

Burning Permits at the town hall or
online at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us.burningpermits>



BALDWIN TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAY

May 19, 2018
8:00 am to Noon

BRING PROOF OF RESIDENCY
(Drivers License or Tax Statement)

The Township reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any material or from anyone unable to show adequate proof of residence.

Tires: 4 Free up to 16" (on or off rim)
(each additional \$3.00)
16.5 & up (off rim) \$11.00 each
Semi Truck (off rim) \$15.00 each
Tractor (off rim) \$50.00 each

Appliances: 1 Free (non-Freon)
(each additional \$10.00)

Freon \$30.00 each
Gas Refrigerator (RV) \$100.00 each

Air Conditioner: \$30.00 each

Televisions: \$20.00 each

Electronic Equipment:

Tower / Printers \$10.00 each
Monitor \$20.00 each

Propane Tanks \$5.00 each
With valve \$25.00

Non-Acceptable Items

Hazardous waste, wood, fence material,
glass, paint, cans, recyclables, plastics,
building materials, paper, sheetrock,
household garbage, general junk, etc.

Sinks/Toilets: \$5.00 each
Bath Tubs \$15.00 each

Furniture:
Stuffed Chairs/Mattresses/
Box Springs \$10.00 each

Scrap Metal (clean) No Charge
Lawn Mowers (tires off),
Bicycles (tires off), radiators,
Vehicle batteries

Note: No plastic, rubber or wood connected to metal otherwise our vendor has a separate \$5.00 per item charge. No oil or gasoline in engines and plugs taken out. Snowmobiles with hood \$30.00 and no plastic hoods accepted. Servel gas refrigerators not accepted.

Baldwin Township is seeking Park Committee volunteers.
If interested contact the Baldwin Town Hall for an application.

Volunteer Opportunities

Studies show the more we give, the happier we feel. We are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment.

If you are interested in volunteering, whether it be to give back to your community, build up your resume, or to learn more about local government, please review the volunteer opportunities listed below that are available in the Township of Baldwin.

Election Judges Needed

Election Judges are essential to our democracy! Election judges staff polling places, administer election procedures and ensure the rights of voters are protected on election day. Election judges are needed for the August 14, 2018 Primary Election, and the November 6, 2018 General Election.



To be eligible, candidates must:

- Be eligible to vote
- Be able to read, write and speak English
- Not be a spouse, parent, child or sibling of a candidate on the ballot in the same precinct
- Complete a mandatory two hour online election judge training. (Head judge training requires an extra hour.) A link to the training will be emailed to you when you are hired.
- Pay is \$10.00 per hour. Head judges receive \$12.00 per hour.

Training and service on both the Primary and General election days are paid.

Check our Website for an application.

Calendar of Events

(Unless otherwise noted, all meetings start at 7:00 p.m.)

May 7	Town Board Regular Meeting
May 19	CLEAN UP DAY
May 21	Town Board Regular Meeting
May 22	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
May 23	Planning Commission Meeting
May 28	MEMORIAL DAY (Office Closed)
June 4	Town Board Regular Meeting
June 18	Town Board Regular Meeting
June 21	Park Board Committee Meeting
June 25	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
June 27	Planning Commission Meeting
July 2	Town Board Regular Meeting
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (Office Closed)
July 16	Town Board Regular Meeting
July 23	Baldwin Volunteer Corps Meeting
July 25	Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commissioners

The Baldwin Township Planning Commission team will be a five member advisory committee appointed by the Baldwin Town Board.

Duties will include working closely with professionals and the community to establish a Baldwin Township specific comprehensive plan, involvement in future land use decisions, plat reviews and other advisory needs as necessary.

Expected time commitment will be at least one evening a month. A stipend per meeting is \$30.00. The Planning Commission meets every month on the last Wednesday of month at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Town Hall.

Requirements are that you are 18 years of age or older, you own land in Baldwin Township and that your primary residence is in Baldwin Township.

Fire Fighters Wanted

As always, if you are interested in helping your community, please stop in at the township office and pick up a firefighter application.



Park Committee Members

The Baldwin Park Committee is a group of volunteers who oversee the areas set aside in Baldwin Township for the enjoyment of the public that have facilities for rest and recreation.

The Park Committee meets every other month on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Town Hall. The members of the Park Committee receive \$20.00 per meeting



Baldwin Township Volunteer Corps

The Baldwin Township Volunteer Corps is a group of residents who meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Town Hall.

The Corps plans and coordinates the annual FunFest which is held at Young Park in the month of September.

Go Green with the electronic version of this newsletter. The newsletter is available on our website <http://baldwintownship.govoffice.com>. Let us know if you would like your name removed from the paper mailing list, and we will notify you by email the when the newest version is available online. Going green helps reduce paper usage as well as saves the Township postage costs.



Real Estate Taxes are Due Tuesday, May 15th

Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer Diane Arnold would like to remind taxpayers that the first half of their Real Estate Taxes for 2018 is due and must be post-marked* on or before May 15th with a Penalty assessed after that date.

After-hours drop-box is located outside Door B

Questions? Call (763)765-4350 or 1-800-438-0575.

*Please note that most Post Offices now use a servicing center so mail is not being postmarked until two to three days after pick up so please plan accordingly as by Statute we must go by the postmark for penalty.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2018 SHERBURNE COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

MAY 14, 2018

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Free for all Sherburne County Residents (ID Required)

PRODUCTS ACCEPTED INCLUDE

Adhesives	Fire Extinguishers	Poison
Aerosols	Fuels	Pool/Spa
Automotive Chemicals	Fluorescent Bulbs	Roofing Tar
Car Batteries	Lawn & Garden Chemicals	Sealers
Cleaners	Mercury	Solvents
Epoxy	Paint	Stains

USED MOTOR OIL DISPOSAL

Used Oil, Oil Filters and Anti-Freeze may be delivered to one of seven disposal locations established throughout the County.

Visit www.eastsideoilcompanies.com/recycling/ to find a used oil collection site near you.

PRODUCTS NOT ACCEPTED INCLUDE

Appliances	Electronics	Pharmaceutical Waste
Asbestos	Explosives	Tires
Business Waste	Furniture	Unknown Items
Commercial Waste	Household Garbage	NO DRUMS
Demolition Debris	Medical Waste	
Drywall Compound	Motor Oil, Filters, Anti-Freeze	

PERMANENT HHW FACILITY

Residents may also deliver HHW to the HHW Facility in Waite Park. This facility is open 5 days per week and the 3rd Saturday of each month. HHW disposal is free for all Sherburne County residents.

Please visit: www.co.stearns.mn.us/Government/HouseholdHazardousWasteFacility for hours of operation and directions.

Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District

Free Nitrate Water Testing



Sherburne SWCD will now offer free well water testing at the Elk River office.

Testing will be available from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. The SWCD office is located at 14855 Highway 10 in Elk River.

Nitrate is a common contaminant found in many wells throughout Minnesota. Shallow wells, dug wells, and wells with damaged or leaking casings are the most vulnerable to nitrate contamination. Major sources of nitrate contamination can be from fertilizers, animal waste, and human sewage. It is highly recommended to test your drinking water supply on a regular basis.

To take your sample, run your cold tap for three minutes then collect about one cup of water in a plastic baggie (double bag) or clean jar. Keep the water cool until it is ready to be tested. Water can be collected anytime within one day of testing.

Testing will take place onsite with results typically available within 5-10 minutes. Test results may remain anonymous. Water samples showing an elevated level of nitrate will be encouraged to retest for nitrates and bacteria at a certified water lab. The well water samples will only be tested for nitrate.

For more information, call 763-241-1170 x 4.



COMMUNITY BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT



Thunder Blades Roller Rink opened in the fall of 2002. Wanting to provide a place for kids, adults and families to have a good time and create memories that last a lifetime.

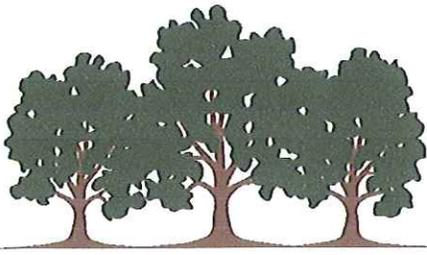
Thunder Blades has been providing a safe, family friendly environment for young and old alike. In addition to roller skating we offer arcade games, Snack Bar area, Birthday Party packages, Private Parties and Fund-Raising programs.

Our hours open to the public are mostly on the weekends, but we are open when Princeton and the area schools don't have school for the fall, winter and spring. We also have all-night lock-in's filled with games, dancing and prizes.

In addition to having open skating, we do offer birthday party packages. Admission, skate rental, table, balloons, food and of course entertainment! What better way to celebrate a birthday with family and friends.

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If you're a local business and would like to be featured in our next newsletter, please contact us.



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Spring Clean-Up for Fire Safety

In the House

- * Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, change batteries immediately if needed.
- * Check your fire extinguishers.
- * Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords, replace where needed.
- * Ensure you have an emergency preparedness kit in case of incidents such as power outages and flooding.
- * Practice your families fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency
- * Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit
- * Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents
- * Recycle: Get rid of old newspapers, magazines and junk mail. These items tend to pile up and can greatly contribute to the severity and spread of fire.
- * Check and clean filters above stove.
- * Pull refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils.
- * Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in event of an emergency.